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As I was responding to God in prayer this morning , His Spirit brought back to my attention a topic of Casual vs. Committed Christianity as has been discussed over the last few weeks.

He has been reframing that topic for me through prayer and this is the understanding I believe He has led me to. The issue we face isn't a comparison of you and me, my casual approach to God or your committed approach, each of those is about us. The true issue is carnality vs. life in the Spirit. You judge according to the flesh; I am not judging anyone. **John 8:15**

Jesus made it clear in the parable of the sower that the cares of this world and the desire for other things was at the heart of the life of God being choked out of us. Sowing to the flesh will reap death even while we try to pray, read scripture or serve. The pride of life is subtle and wicked.

In repentance He has shown me the death in my ways, that is my flesh. Subsequently, His Spirit is my only life. That IS the issue. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. **John 12:24** Paul saying he dies daily is His confirmation that we are that grain of wheat needing to fall to the ground and die. So if dead and needing to remain dead, what is at issue?

Total reliance on the Spirit of God to be our life, the resurrection that bears fruit by Him, through Him and for Him.

This is what the Lord says— your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.

Isaiah 48:17

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life. **John 6:63**

It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. **1 John 5:6**

God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” **John 4:24**

In God's eye's we are all haphazardly casual and blind. Until that becomes our primary understanding I would assert our faith is apportioned incorrectly and God's call to us is not being heard.

For if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. **Romans 8:13**

We know nothing of Him but what He has revealed and we do nothing for Him without it being His motivation to do so otherwise it is the pride of life.

So the real question is: Are we driven by carnality or the Spirit of the living God?